

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KLOCK et al.

Application No.: 10/677,779

Filed: 10/01/2003

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
PERFORMING A SEARCH
BASED ON A STRATEGY

Examiner: HARPER, JONATHAN

Art Unit: 2166

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed 5/17/2007. In light of the remarks below, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request allowance of all claims.

The Section 103 Rejection

Claims 1-25 and 28-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Work (US 20040054662) and Overview ("An Overview of Production Rules in Database Systems").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Here, the difference can be summarized as follows: 1) neither Work nor Overview shows augmenting the production